



# ARIZONA *Specialty*

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FARMERS' MARKETS • U-PICK FARMS  
REGIONAL HARVEST SCHEDULES  
AGRICULTURAL CAREERS & EDUCATION



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## INTRODUCTION

Fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and nursery crops make up the segment of agriculture defined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as “Specialty Crops”. This Arizona Specialty Crop Guide was created and published using funds provided by USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service through the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP). The purpose of the SCBGP is to enhance the competitiveness and to promote the consumption of specialty crops.

This guide was designed to inform the public of the importance and availability of agriculture and to encourage Arizonans to purchase locally produced fruits, vegetables, nuts, and nursery crops. On the following pages you will find information on Farmers’ Markets, U-Pick Farms, agriculture activities, and career and educational opportunities in agriculture. Read on to learn more about specialty crops which help to make up part of Arizona’s \$9.2 billion agriculture industry.



*For more information about agriculture in Arizona,  
please visit us online at [www.azda.gov](http://www.azda.gov)*

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# BENEFITS OF BUYING

ARIZONA GROWN PRODUCE

## LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE

Food that is locally grown spends less time in the back of a truck; causing less damage to the food. When food is stored for long periods of time, the cells in the fruit begin to break down, causing wilting or bruising and the loss of nutrients.

The sugars in the food also turn to starch, which makes the food tougher, and not as flavorful (Sue Baic, British Dietetic Association, 2007).

## PRESERVES OPEN LAND AND PREVENTS URBAN SPRAWL

Farms occupy large quantities of land, which keeps the soil fertile and water clean (not polluted with oil or trash). Some farmers plant “cover crops” which actually prevent erosion, restore nutrients in the soil, and trap emissions that contribute to global warming (Community Alliance with Family Farmers, 2001). When farms stay profitable, they don’t have to sell their land to developers, thus preventing urban sprawl. This keeps Arizona beautiful and productive!

## PROVIDES LOCAL ECONOMIC STABILITY

Less than 1% of the total American population earn their living by farming, and that number is dramatically decreasing. When farmers sell directly to consumers, they cut out the middleman and receive full retail value for their produce. This allows farmers to continue farming and providing a service to the community.



# BENEFITS OF BUYING

ARIZONA GROWN PRODUCE

## REDUCES AIR POLLUTION

Most crops trap harmful emissions from cars and manufacturing plants. Also, when you purchase locally grown foods, they do not have to be shipped as far to reach your local farmers market or food store. On average, food is shipped approximately 1,500 miles before reaching a supermarket ([www.Sustainabletable.org](http://www.Sustainabletable.org)). This requires approximately 300 gallons of fuel, (Peterbilt Motor Company, estimate, 2007) and thus emits harmful particles into the air. Buying local eliminates the need for companies to ship produce long distances.

Buying local Arizona grown produce also helps prevent air pollution because foods are not artificially ripened. When foods have to be shipped from far away farms, they are picked before they are ripe to ensure the food will not spoil while it is being transported. Once it arrives to the destination, the food is gassed to make it aesthetically pleasing. Some are even preserved with artificial waxes (Community Alliance with Family Farmers, 2001).





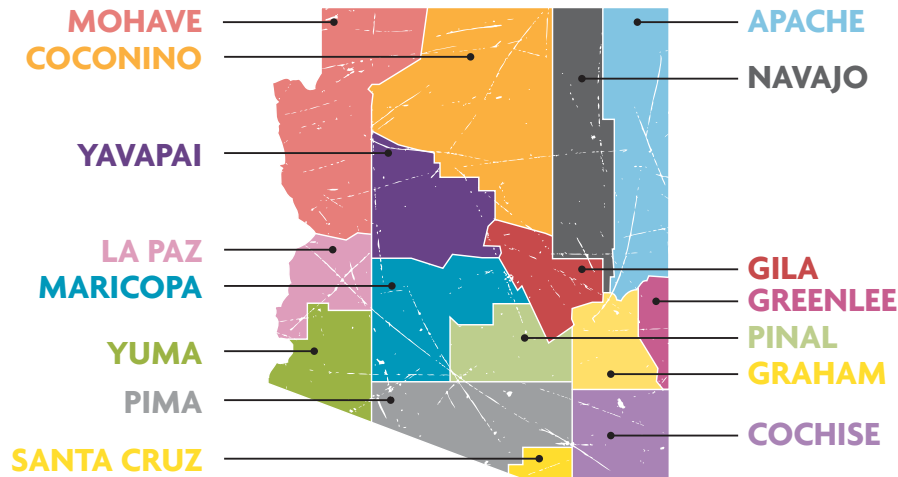
# FARMERS' MARKETS *By County*

== FRESH PRODUCE ==  
JUST AROUND THE CORNER



# ARIZONA FARMERS' MARKETS

BY COUNTY



## MOHAVE COUNTY

### KINGMAN MARKET

101 E. Beale St.  
Kingman, AZ 86401  
Phone: 928-753-3660  
Hours: Memorial Day-Oct: Sundays 8am-11am  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

## COCONINO COUNTY

### FLAGSTAFF COMMUNITY MARKET

1414 North Rim Dr.  
Flagstaff, AZ 86001  
Phone: 928-774-7781  
Hours: June-Oct. Sundays 8am-12pm  
[www.flagstaffmarket.com](http://www.flagstaffmarket.com)

### TUBA CITY FARMERS' MARKET

100 Aspen Dr.  
Tuba City, AZ 86045  
Phone: 928-282-6886  
Hours: Aug-Sept. Wednesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm  
[www.foodconnect.org](http://www.foodconnect.org)

## YAVAPAI COUNTY

### CHINO VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET

901 S. US Hwy. 89  
Chino Valley, AZ 86232  
Phone: 928-713-1227  
Hours: June-October Wednesdays 3pm-7pm  
[www.prescottfarmersmarket.org](http://www.prescottfarmersmarket.org)

### COTTONWOOD FARMERS' MARKET AND JAMBOREE

187 E. Pima St.  
Cottonwood, AZ 86326  
Phone: 928-639-3200  
Hours: July-September  
Thursdays 5pm-dark  
[www.foodconnect.org](http://www.foodconnect.org)

### PRESCOTT FARMERS' MARKET

1100 E. Sheldon  
Prescott, AZ 86301  
Phone: 928-713-1227  
Hours: May-October  
Saturdays 7:30am-12pm  
[www.prescottfarmersmarket.org](http://www.prescottfarmersmarket.org)

### PRESCOTT VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET

7221 E. Florentine Rd.  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314  
Phone: 928-713-1227  
Hours: July-October  
Thursdays 4pm-8pm  
[www.prescottfarmersmarket.org](http://www.prescottfarmersmarket.org)

### VERDE VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET

395 S. Main St.  
Camp Verde, AZ 86322  
Phone: 928-567-0535 x 136  
Hours: Mid-June through Mid-October  
Saturdays 8am-12pm  
[www.foodconnect.org](http://www.foodconnect.org)

# ARIZONA FARMERS' MARKETS

## BY COUNTY

### MARICOPA COUNTY

#### 5TH AVENUE FARMERS' MARKET

4169 N. Craftsman Court  
Old Town Scottsdale, AZ 85251  
Phone: 623-848-1234  
Hours: Mid-Nov - Mid-May  
Saturdays 10am-2pm  
[www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com](http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com)

#### AHWATUKEE FARMERS' MARKET

4700 E. Warner Rd.  
Ahwatukee, AZ 85044  
Phone: 623-848-1234  
Hours: Oct-Apr, Sundays 9-1pm  
May-Jun, Sundays 7am-11am  
[www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com](http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com)

#### CAVE CREEK FARMERS' & CRAFTS MARKET

6900 E. Cave Creek Rd.  
Cave Creek, AZ 85331  
Phone: 480-585-8639  
Hours: Year-round, Saturdays 9am-1pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

#### CAREFREE FARMERS' MARKET

100 Easy St.  
Carefree, AZ 85377  
Phone: 623-848-1234  
Hours: Oct-Jun, Fridays 9am-1pm  
[www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com](http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com)

#### CHANDLER FARMERS' MARKET

Dr. A.J. Chandler Park  
3 S. Arizona Ave.  
Chandler, AZ 85225  
Phone: 480-782-3047  
Hours: Year-round, Thursdays 3pm-6pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

#### COPPER CANYON GOLF CLUB

26577 W. Desert Vista Blvd.  
Buckeye, AZ 85396  
Hours: Nov-Apr, 1st Sat/month

### DOWNTOWN PHOENIX PUBLIC MARKET

721 N. Central Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85004  
Phone: 602-253-6895  
Hours: Year-round, Saturdays 8-1pm  
Wednesdays 4pm-8pm  
[www.phoenixpublicmarket.com](http://www.phoenixpublicmarket.com)

### ENCANTERRA

1035 E. Combs Rd.  
Queen Creek, AZ 85240  
Hours: Oct-May, 2nd Friday/month 10am-2pm

### ESTRELLA LAKESIDE MARKET

10300. S. Estrella Parkway  
Goodyear, AZ 85338  
Phone: 480-585-8639  
Hours: Oct-May, 3rd Saturday 10am-2pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

### FOUNTAIN HILLS NOCTURNAL MARKET

16810 Avenue of the Fountains  
Hours: Jan-Apr, 2pm-6am

### EUROPEAN MARKET AT THE BORGATA

6166 N. Scottsdale Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255  
Phone: 480-585-8639  
Hours: Jan-Apr, Fridays 3pm-8pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

### FARMERS' MARKET AT THE OUTLETS OF ANTHEM

4250 W. Anthem Way  
Phoenix, AZ 85086  
Phone: 480-585-8639 or 623-465-9500  
Hours: 1st Saturday each month, 10am-3pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)  
[www.outletsanthem.com](http://www.outletsanthem.com)

### KIVA CENTER COURTYARD

7121 E. 5th Ave.  
Scottsdale, AZ, 85251  
Hours: Oct-May, Thursdays 2:30pm-7pm  
Sundays 10am-2pm



# ARIZONA FARMERS' MARKETS

## BY COUNTY

### MARKET AT DC RANCH

20751 N. Pima Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255  
Phone: 480-502-2725  
Hours: Oct-Apr, Saturdays 10am-2pm  
[www.beonmarketstreet.com](http://www.beonmarketstreet.com)

### MESA COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET

263 N. Center St.  
Mesa, AZ 85201  
Phone: 623-848-1234  
Hours: Year-round, Fridays 9am-12pm  
[www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com](http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com)

### MURPHY PARK

7010 N. 59th Ave.  
Glendale, AZ 85301  
Hours: Oct-May, Saturdays 9am-2pm

### OLD TOWN SCOTTSDALE

1st St. and Brown Ave.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251  
Hours: Nov-May, Saturdays 9am-2pm

### PHOENIX CAMELBACK MARKET

3930 E. Camelback Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ 85018  
Phone: 602-224-0225  
Hours: Sept-May, Saturdays 9am-1pm  
[www.vincentsoncamelback.com](http://www.vincentsoncamelback.com)

### ROADRUNNER PARK FARMERS' MARKET

3515 E Cactus Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ 85032  
Phone: 623-848-1234  
Hours: May-Sep, Saturdays 7am-11am  
Oct-Apr, Saturdays 8am-12pm  
[www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com](http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com)

### SURPRISE STADIUM

15850 N. Bullard Ave.  
Surprise, AZ 85374  
Hours: Oct 19-May, Sundays 10am-2pm

### TOWN & COUNTRY FARMERS' MARKET

2021 E. Camelback Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ 85016  
Phone: 602-955-6850  
Hours: Year-round, Wednesdays 10am-2pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

### TRILOGY AT VISTANCIA

27980 N. Trilogy Blvd.  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
Hours: Sep-May, 4th Fri/month, 10am-2pm

### WESTCOR'S SANTAN VILLAGE

Williams Field Rd./Loop 202  
Gilbert, AZ 85295  
Hours: Oct-May, 1st & 3rd Wed/month,  
9:30am-2pm

### WESTGATE CITY CENTER

6770 N. Sunrise Blvd.  
Glendale, AZ 85305  
Hours: Oct-May,  
2nd Saturday/month 8am-12pm

## YUMA COUNTY

### MARKET IN CARVER PARK

385 S. 13th Ave.  
Yuma, AZ 85364  
Phone: 928-343-1243  
Hours: May-Jun, Saturdays 7am-11pm  
[www.foodconnect.org](http://www.foodconnect.org)

### MARKET IN DOWNTOWN YUMA

Main St.  
Yuma, AZ 85364  
Phone: 928-343-1243  
Hours: Dec-Mar, Tuesdays 10am-3pm  
[www.foodconnect.org](http://www.foodconnect.org)  
[www.yumafoodbank.org/FarmersMarkets.htm](http://www.yumafoodbank.org/FarmersMarkets.htm)

# ARIZONA FARMERS' MARKETS

## BY COUNTY

### PIMA COUNTY

#### ARIVACA MARKET

16800 Arivaca Rd.  
Arivaca, AZ 85601  
Phone: 520-730-1324  
Hours: June-Oct, Fridays 7am-9pm.  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)  
[www.farmersmarketonline.com](http://www.farmersmarketonline.com)

#### CIVANO FARMERS' AND ARTISANS MARKET

5301 S. Houghton  
Tucson, AZ 85747  
Phone: 520-248-9218  
Hours: Year-Round, Sundays 10am-2pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

#### COMMUNITY FOOD BANK FARMERS' MARKET

3003 S. Country Club Dr.  
Tucson, AZ 85713  
Phone: 520-622-0525  
Hours: Year-round, Tuesdays 8am-12pm  
[www.communityfoodbank.org](http://www.communityfoodbank.org)

#### DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET

101 N. Stone Ave.  
Tucson, AZ 85701  
Phone: 520-326-7810  
Hours: Year-round, Wednesdays 8am-1pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

#### EL PRESIDIO MERCADO

225 W. Alameda St.  
Tucson, AZ 85701  
Phone: 520-326-7810  
Hours: Year-round, Fridays 10am-3pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

#### FARMERS' MARKET AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

1401 E. University Blvd.  
Tucson, AZ 85721  
Phone: 520-319-9868  
Hours: Sept-Apr, Fridays 9am-1pm  
[www.ironwoodtreeexperience.org](http://www.ironwoodtreeexperience.org)

#### MARANA FARM STAND AT HERITAGE RIVER PARK

S. of Tangerine Farms Rd. at Heritage Park Dr.  
Marana, AZ 85658  
Hours: Mar-Oct, Mondays 4pm-7pm  
Nov-Apr, Mondays 3pm-6pm  
[www.communityfoodbank.org](http://www.communityfoodbank.org)

#### ORO VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET

11000 N. La Canada  
Tucson, AZ 85737  
Phone: 520-918-9811  
Hours: May-Oct, Saturdays 8am-12pm  
Oct-May, Saturdays 9am-1pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

#### PLAZA PALOMINO FOOD FAIRE

2970 N. Swan  
Tucson, AZ 85712  
Hours: Year-round, Saturdays 10am-2pm  
[www.foodconnect.org](http://www.foodconnect.org)

#### RINCON VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET

12500 E. Old Spanish Trail  
Tucson, AZ 85747  
Phone: 520-591-2276  
Hours: May-Oct, Saturdays 8am-1pm  
Oct-May, Saturdays 9am-2pm  
[www.rvfm.org](http://www.rvfm.org)

#### SANTA CRUZ RIVER FARMERS' MARKET

NE corner of Speedway & Riverview  
between AZ School for the Deaf & Blind  
and El Rio Neighborhood Center  
Tucson, AZ 85745  
Phone: 520-622-0525  
Hours: Feb-Apr, Thursdays 3pm-6pm  
May-Oct, Thursdays 4pm-7pm  
[www.communityfoodbank.org](http://www.communityfoodbank.org)

#### TUCSON FARMERS' MARKET

4380 N. Campbell Ave.  
Tucson, AZ 85718  
Phone: 520-918-9811  
Hours: May-Oct, Sundays 8am-12pm  
Oct-April, Sundays 9am-1pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

# ARIZONA FARMERS' MARKETS

## BY COUNTY

### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

#### SONOITA GROWERS' MARKET

3428 Hwy. 83  
Sonoita, AZ 85637  
Phone: 520-455-9262  
Hours: July-Sep, Saturdays 9am-12pm  
[www.foodconnect.org](http://www.foodconnect.org)

#### TUBAC FARMERS' MARKET

40 Avenida Goya, Plaza de Anza  
Tubac, AZ 85646  
Phone: 520-319-9868  
Hours: Oct-Apr, Thursdays 10am-2pm  
May-Sept: one Thursday/month  
[www.ironwoodtreeexperience.org](http://www.ironwoodtreeexperience.org)

### APACHE COUNTY

#### CONCHO FARMERS' MARKET

Corner of Hwy 61 & 180A  
Concho, AZ 85924  
Phone: 928-337-2466  
Hours: May-Oct, Saturdays 8am-12pm  
[www.conchofarmers.org](http://www.conchofarmers.org)

### PINAL COUNTY

#### CASA GRANDE FARMERS' MARKET

13480 W. Jimmie Kerr Blvd.  
Casa Grande, AZ 85222  
Phone: 520-866-7313  
Hours: March-Sept, Fridays 9am-12pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

#### FLORENCE FARMERS' MARKET

Main St.  
Florence, AZ 85232  
Phone: 520-868-4273  
Hours: Nov-Mar, Saturdays 9am-12pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

#### GILA RIVER FARMERS' MARKET

Pima St. & Sacaton Rd.  
Sacaton, AZ 85247  
Hours: Mar-Sept, Wednesdays 8am-12pm  
Phone: 520-562-3318 ext.225  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

### ORACLE FARMERS' MARKET

1395 W. American Ave.  
Oracle, AZ 85623  
Phone: 520-896-9005  
Hours: Year-round, Saturdays 9am-12pm  
[www.azfarmersmarkets.us](http://www.azfarmersmarkets.us)

### COCHISE COUNTY

#### BISBEE FARMERS' MARKET

Vista Park, Bisbee, AZ 85603  
Phone: 520-227-5060  
Hours: May-Oct, Saturdays 8am-12pm  
[www.foodconnect.org](http://www.foodconnect.org)

#### ELFRIDA FARMERS' MARKET

10566 Hwy 191  
Elfrida, AZ 85610  
Phone: 520-642-2222  
Hours: May-Nov, Fridays 2pm-6pm  
[www.localharvest.org](http://www.localharvest.org)

#### SIERRA VISTA FARMERS' MARKET

1658 Cottonwood Dr.  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
Phone: 520-378-2973  
Hours: Apr 26-Oct, Thursdays 2pm-6pm  
Nov-Apr, 1st Thursday each month 12pm-4pm  
[www.sierravistamarket.com](http://www.sierravistamarket.com)

— GUIDE TO — ARIZONA'S —

# FARMERS' MARKETS

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— BY DAY OF — THE WEEK —



MOHAVE COCONINO YAVAPAI LA PAZ GREENLEE YUMA SANTA CRUZ

APACHE NAVAJO MARICOPA GILA PIMA PINAL GRAHAM COCHISE

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MOHAVE						<b>KINGMAN MARKET</b> 10 E. Beale St. Mem. Day-Oct, 8am-11am
COCONINO		<b>TUBA CITY</b> 100 Aspen Dr. Aug-Sept, 5:30pm-7:30pm			<b>FLAGSTAFF</b> 1414 North Rim Dr. Jun-Oct, 8am-12pm	
YAVAPAI		<b>CHINO VALLEY</b> 901 S. Hwy 89 Jun-Oct, 3pm-7pm	<b>COTTONWOOD MARKET</b> 187 E. Pima St. Jul-Sept, 5pm-Dark  <b>PRESCOTT VALLEY</b> 7221 E. Florentine Rd. Jul-Oct, 4pm-8pm		<b>PRESCOTT</b> 1100 E. Sheldon May-Oct, 7:30am-12pm  <b>VERDE VALLEY</b> Main St. & Holloman Mid Jun-Mid Oct, 8am-12pm	
MARICOPA		<b>PHOENIX PUBLIC MARKET</b> 721 N. Central Ave. Year-Round, 4pm-8pm  <b>TOWN &amp; COUNTRY, PHX</b> 2021 E. Camelback Rd. Year-Round, 10pm-2pm  <b>WESTCOR'S SANTAN VILLAGE</b> Williams Field Rd./Loop 202 Gilbert, AZ 85295 Hours: Oct-May, 1st & 3rd Wed/ month, 9:30am-2pm	<b>CHANDLER FARMERS' MARKET</b> S. of Chandler Blvd. on AZ Ave. Hours: Year-Round, 3pm-6pm  <b>FOUNTAIN HILLS NOCTURNAL</b> 16810 Ave Of The Fountains Jan-Apr, 2pm-6pm  <b>KIVA CENTER COURTYARD</b> 7121 E. 5th Ave. Scottsdale, AZ, 85251 Hours: Oct-May, 2:30-7pm	<b>THE BORGATA SCOTTSDALE</b> 6166 N. Scottsdale Rd. Jan-Apr, 3pm-8pm  <b>ENCANTERRA</b> 1035 E. Combs Rd. Queen Creek, AZ 85240 Oct-May, 2nd Fri/month, 10am-2pm  <b>MESA COMMUNITY</b> 263 N. Center St. Year-Round, 8am-1pm  <b>TOWN OF CAREFREE</b> 100 Easy St. Oct-Jun, 9am-1pm  <b>TRILOGY AT VISTANCIA</b> 27980 N. Trilogy Blvd. Peoria, AZ 85383 Sep- May, 4th Fri/month, 10am-2pm	<b>5TH AVENUE, SCOTTSDALE</b> 4169 N. Craftsman Ct. Nov-May, 10am-2pm  <b>CAVE CREEK</b> 6900 E. Cave Creek Rd. Oct-May, 9am-1pm (Closed Every 3rd Saturday)  <b>COPPER CANYON GOLF CLUB</b> 26577 W. Desert Vista Blvd. Buckeye, AZ 85396 Nov-Apr, 1st Sat/month  <b>DC RANCH, SCOTTSDALE</b> 20751 N. Pima Rd. Oct-Apr, 10am-2pm  <b>ESTRELLA LAKESIDE</b> 10300 S. Estrella Pkwy Oct-May, 10am-2pm (Closed Every 3rd Saturday)  <b>MURPHY PARK</b> 7010 N. 59th Ave. Glendale, AZ 85301 Hours: 9am-2pm  <b>OLD TOWN SCOTTSDALE</b> 1st St. and Brown Ave. Nov-May, 9-2pm  <b>PHOENIX CAMELBACK</b> 3930 E. Camelback Rd. Oct-May, 9am-1pm  <b>PHOENIX PUBLIC MARKET</b> 721 N. Central Ave. Year-Round, 8am-1pm	<b>AHWATUKEE</b> 4700 E. Warner Rd. Year-Round, 9am-1pm  <b>KIVA CENTER COURTYARD</b> 7121 E. 5th Ave. Scottsdale, AZ, 85251 Hours: Oct-May, 10am-2pm  <b>SURPRISE STADIUM</b> 15850 N. Bullard Ave. Hours: Oct 19-May, 10am-2pm



	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MARICOPA					<b>ROADRUNNER PARK, PHX</b> 3515 E. Cactus Rd. May-Sept, 7-11am Oct-May, 9am-1pm  <b>WESTGATE CITY CENTER</b> 6770 N. Sunrise Blvd. Glendale, AZ 85305 Oct-May, 2nd Sat/month, 8am-12pm	
YUMA	<b>DOWNTOWN YUMA</b> Main St. Dec-Mar, 10am-3pm				<b>CARVER PARK IN YUMA</b> 385 S. 13th Ave May-Jun, 3pm-7pm	
PIMA	<b>COMMUNITY FOOD BANK</b> 3003 S. Country Club Tucson, AZ Year-Round, 8am-12pm	<b>DOWNTOWN TUCSON</b> 101 N. Stone Ave. Year-Round, 8am-1pm	<b>SANTA CRUZ RIVER</b> 310 N. Commerce Park Feb-Apr, 3pm-6pm May-Oct, 4pm-7pm	<b>ARIVACA MARKET</b> 16800 Arivaca Rd. Jun-Oct, 7am-9pm  <b>EL PRESIDIO MERCADO</b> 225 W. Alameda St. Year-Round, 10am-3pm  <b>MARKET AT THE UofA</b> 1401 E. University Blvd. Sep-Apr, 9am-1pm	<b>ORO VALLEY</b> 11000 N. La Canada May-Oct, 8am-12pm, Oct-Apr, 9am-1pm  <b>PLAZA PALOMINO FOOD FAIRE</b> 2970 N. Swan Tucson, AZ Year-Round, 10am-2pm  <b>RINCON VALLEY</b> 12500 E. Old Spanish Trail May-Sept, 8am-12pm Oct-Apr, 9am-2pm	<b>CIVANO</b> 5301 S. Houghton Year-Round, 10am-2pm  <b>TUCSON MARKET</b> 4380 N. Campbell Ave May-Oct, 8am-12pm Nov-Apr, 9am-1pm
SANTA CRUZ			<b>TUBAC</b> 40 Avenida Goya Oct-Apr, 10pm-2pm May-Sept, 1/Month		<b>SONOITA GROWERS MARKET</b> 3428 Hwy. 83 Jul-Sept, 9am-12pm	
APACHE					<b>CONCHO FARMERS' MARKETS</b> Corner of Hwy 61 & 180A May-Oct, 8am-12pm	
PINAL		<b>GILA RIVER</b> Pima St. & Sacaton Rd. Mar-Sept, 8am-12pm			<b>CASA GRANDE</b> 13480 W. Jimmie Kerr Mar-Sept, 9am-12pm  <b>FLORENCE</b> Main St. Nov-Mar, 9am-12pm  <b>ORACLE</b> 1395 W. American Ave Year-Round, 9am-12pm	
COCHISE			<b>SIERRA VISTA</b> 1658 Cottonwood Dr Apr-Oct, 2pm-6pm Nov-Apr, 12pm-4pm	<b>ELFRIDA</b> 10566 Highway 191 May-Nov, 2pm-6pm	<b>BISBEE</b> Vista Park May-Oct, 8am-12pm	

\*CURRENTLY THE ONLY FARMERS' MARKET BEING HELD ON MONDAY IS THE MARANA FARM STAND IN PIMA COUNTY. (PLEASE SEE PG.8 FOR DETAILS)

\*MARKET DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK [WWW.AZFARMERSMARKETS.US](http://WWW.AZFARMERSMARKETS.US) FOR UPDATES.

# U-PICK FARMS *By County*

— FRESH PRODUCE —  
RIPE FOR THE PICKING



# U-PICK FARMS

BY COUNTY

## MARICOPA COUNTY

### DATE CREEK RANCH AND ORCHARD

The ranch road is between mileposts 178 & 177, 6 miles NW of Congress Junction on Hwy 93, 22 miles NW of Wickenburg, AZ  
928-321-0704, [www.datecreekranch.com](http://www.datecreekranch.com)

Hours: July-October,  
weekends only: 7am-3pm

#### - FRUIT:

Summer/Fall: apples (Golden & Red Delicious), peaches, pears

#### - MEAT:

grass-fed beef

### BOB WHITE FARMS

East of Cooper Road on Chandler Blvd.  
Chandler, AZ 85225

480-988-2028

Hours: June-July, 6-11am daily

#### - VEGETABLES:

Summer: corn, tomatoes, bell peppers, chiles, okra, black-eyed peas, string beans, squash, cucumbers

#### - FRUIT:

Summer: melons

### VERTUCCIO FARMS

Mesa, AZ 85212  
480-650-6606

#### - VEGETABLES:

Fall: Pumpkins

#### - FRUIT:

Spring: Peaches

### MOTHER NATURE'S FARM

1663 E. Baseline Rd.  
Gilbert, AZ 85233

480-892-5874 [www.mothernaturesfarm.com](http://www.mothernaturesfarm.com)

Hours: Daily 9am-9pm

#### - VEGETABLES

Fall: Pumpkins

### SCHNEPF FARMS

24810 Rittenhouse Rd.  
Queen Creek, AZ 85242

480-987-3100, [www.schnepffarms.com](http://www.schnepffarms.com)

Hours: October-June, Wed-Sun: 7:30am-5pm

#### - VEGETABLES

Fall: green beans, broccoli, cauliflower, pumpkins

Winter/Spring: winter squash, beets, radishes, lettuce, spinach, zucchini, cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes (picked)

#### - FRUIT, OTHER:

Fall: strawberries, sunflowers

Winter/Spring: peaches, strawberries, Ana apples, plums, apricots

### TOLMACHOFF FARMS

5726 N. 75th Ave.  
Glendale, AZ 85303

623-386-1301, [www.tolmachoff-farms.com](http://www.tolmachoff-farms.com)

Hours: October-July. Call ahead for times

#### - VEGETABLES

Year-round: zucchini, tomatoes, cucumbers, black eyed peas, honey

Spring/Summer: okra, squash, eggplant, yellow hot peppers.

Not u-pick, but available: sweet corn

Fall/Winter: pumpkins, gourds, sweet corn (u-pick), string beans, purple hull peas, yellow crook neck squash, carrots, beets, yams, greens: collard, mustard, turnips

#### - FRUIT

Spring/Summer: not u-pick but available: watermelon, cantaloupe

# U-PICK FARMS

BY COUNTY

## PIMA COUNTY

### AGUA LINDA FARMS

I-19 to Exit 42, take East Frontage Road South, Amado, AZ

520-398-3218, [www.agualindafarm.net](http://www.agualindafarm.net)

Hours: March- October,  
Weekends 8am-3pm. (until 5pm in October)

#### - VEGETABLES

Year-round: lettuce, cabbage, zucchini, squash, beans

Winter/Spring: carrots, peas, Swiss Chard, Bok Choy, onions (not u-pick), arugula, spinach

Summer/Fall: cucumbers, okra, basil, turnips, zinnias, pumpkins, gourds, tomatoes

#### - FRUIT, OTHER

Summer/Fall: watermelon, sunflowers, honey, soaps

#### - MEAT

grass fed beef

### OUR GARDEN PRODUCE

16500 N. Stallion Rd., Catalina, AZ 85739  
(10 miles North of Tucson)

[www.ourgardencatalina.com](http://www.ourgardencatalina.com)

Hours: Wed-Sat: 9am-12pm (not u-pick)

#### - VEGETABLES

Summer/Fall: tomatoes, peppers, sweet & hot turnips, zucchini, squash, beets, carrots, broccoli, cucumbers, lettuce, garlic, radicchio, radishes, green beans, okra, kale

#### - FRUIT, OTHER

Year-round: eggs, honey, soaps

Summer/Fall: pomegranates, melons, eggs

## GILA

### ARAVAIPA FARMS

89395 E. Aravaipa Rd.  
Winkelman, AZ 85292

520-357-6901, [www.aravaipafarms.com](http://www.aravaipafarms.com)

Hours: vary by season

#### - FRUIT, OTHER

Year-round: eggs

Summer/Fall: Apricots (May), peaches, Asian pears

Winter/Spring: Meyer lemons

- Aravaipa Farms Bed and Breakfast  
County Inn



# U-PICK FARMS

BY COUNTY

## COCHISE COUNTY

### GRAYS GARDEN OF EAT'N

10501 Dove Song Lane  
Hereford, AZ 85615

520-366-0606

Hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-Sundown

#### - VEGETABLES:

Year-round: carrots, eggs, honey

Winter/Spring: beets, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese greens, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard & salad greens, peas, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard, turnips

Summer/Fall: cucumber, eggplant, garlic, green beans, green onion, hot peppers, okra, onions, potatoes, shallots, sweet corn, sweet peppers, tomatillos, tomatoes, squash, zucchini, pumpkins

#### - FRUIT, OTHER:

Summer/Fall: apples, apricots, blackberries, melons, cantaloupes, grapes, peaches, pears, plums, watermelons, bread, soap, herbs, flowers, pecans

### NARITA FARMS

6965 S. Narita Lane  
Willcox, AZ 85643

520-384-4805

Hours: May-September, Daily: dawn to dusk

#### - VEGETABLES, OTHER

Spring: peas

Summer/Fall: beans, carrots, corn, onions, squash, eggplant, melons, peppers, tomatoes, brown eggs

#### - FRUIT

Spring: strawberries

Summer/Fall: melons

### APPLE ANNIE'S ORCHARD, PUMPKINS AND PRODUCE

2081 W. Hardy Rd.  
Willcox, AZ 85643

520-384-2084 and 520-384-4685

[www.appleannies.com](http://www.appleannies.com)

Hours: June 29- October 31

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

#### - VEGETABLES:

Summer/Fall: summer & winter squash, tomatoes, sweet corn, onions, okra, pumpkins, green beans, gourds, eggplant, cucumbers, black eyed peas, chili peppers, bell pepper

#### - FRUIT, OTHER:

Summer/Fall: apples (Fuji, Granny Smith, Red and Golden Delicious, McIntosh), peaches, pears, Asian pears, honeydew, watermelon, cantaloupe, flowers

- Festivals and Extravaganzas!

### BROWNS ORCHARD

5774 N. Atwood Rd.  
Willcox, AZ 85643

520-384-3671, [www.youpickapples.com](http://www.youpickapples.com)

Hours: August- November

#### - FRUIT:

Fall: pears (Bartlett, Bosc, Starking Delicious, D'anjou), apples (Gala, Early Blaze, Red & Golden Delicious, Yellow Transparent, Gravenstein, Red Rome, Stayman Winesap, Winesap Commercial, Rome Beauty, Jonathan)

#### - MEAT

grass fed lamb

- Press your own Cider!



# ARIZONA

*Harvest Schedule*

== FRESH PRODUCE ==  
AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND



# ARIZONA HARVEST SCHEDULE

## FRUIT OR HERB

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
ANISE	●	●	●									●
APPLE, FUJI									●	●		
APPLE, GALA								●	●			
APPLE, GOLDEN DELICIOUS								●	●	●		
APPLE, GRANNY SMITH									●	●	●	
APPLE, RED DELICIOUS								●	●	●		
APRICOTS					●	●						
CHERRIES						●						
DILL	●	●	●								●	●
DATES									●	●		
FIGS					●	●						
GRAPEFRUIT, RED BLUSH	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
GRAPEFRUIT, WHITE	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
GRAPES, BLACK BEAUTY						●	●					
GRAPES, CONCORD									●			
GRAPES, FLAME SEEDLESS						●	●					
GRAPES, PERLETTE					●	●	●					
GRAPES, THOMPSON SEEDLESS						●	●					
LEeks	●	●	●								●	●
LEMONS	●	●	●					●	●	●	●	●
MELONS, CANARY	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
MELONS, CANTALOUPE					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
MELONS, CASABA						●	●	●	●	●	●	
MELONS, CRENSHAW						●	●	●	●	●	●	
MELONS, HONEYDEW						●	●	●	●	●	●	
MELONS, ORANGE FLESH						●	●	●	●			
MELONS, SANTA CLAUS						●	●	●	●			
MELONS SHARLYN						●	●	●	●			
MELONS, SPECIALTY						●	●	●	●			
MELONS, WATERMELON					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ORANGES, BLOOD	●	●										●
ORANGES, MANDARIN	●	●	●									
ORANGES, NAVEL	●	●									●	●
ORANGES, SWEET	●	●	●								●	●
ORANGES, TEMPLE	●	●										●
ORANGES, VALENCIA		●	●	●	●	●	●					
PARSLEY	●	●	●	●						●	●	●
PEACHES					●	●		●				
TANGELOS, MINNEOLA	●	●									●	●
TANGELOS, ORLANDO	●	●									●	●
TANGERINES, ALGERIAN											●	●
TANGERINES, FAIRCHILD											●	●

● WINTER PRODUCE ● SUMMER PRODUCE

# ARIZONA HARVEST SCHEDULE

## VEGETABLE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
ARTICHOKES		•	•	•	•							
ASPARAGUS		•	•	•	•							
BEAN, FAVA		•	•	•								
BEAN, GREEN					•	•			•			
BEAN, PINTO							•	•	•	•		
BEETS	•	•	•								•	•
BOK CHOY	•	•	•								•	•
BROCCOLI	•	•	•							•	•	•
BROCCOLI, BABY	•	•	•								•	•
CABBAGE, GREEN	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
CABBAGE, RED	•	•	•	•	•						•	•
CARROTS	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
CAULIFLOWER	•	•	•	•							•	•
CAULIFLOWER, GREEN	•	•	•								•	•
CELERY	•	•	•								•	•
CILANTRO	•	•	•	•							•	•
CORN, SWEET					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
DAIKON (JAPANESE RADISH)	•	•	•									
GREENS, BEET	•	•	•	•							•	•
GREENS, COLLARD	•	•	•	•							•	•
GREENS, MUSTARD	•	•	•	•							•	•
GREENS, TURNIP	•	•	•	•							•	•
KALE	•	•	•	•							•	•
KOHLRABI	•	•	•									•
LETTUCE, BUTTER/BOSTON	•	•	•								•	•
LETTUCE, ENDIVE	•	•	•								•	•
LETTUCE, ESCAROLE	•	•	•								•	•
LETTUCE, ICEBERG	•	•	•								•	•
LETTUCE, LEAF	•	•	•								•	•
LETTUCE, ROMAINE	•	•	•								•	•
LETTUCE, SPRING MIX	•	•	•	•							•	•
NAPA CABBAGE	•	•	•									•
ONIONS, SWEET (DRY)				•	•	•	•	•				
ONIONS, GREEN	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•

• WINTER PRODUCE • SUMMER PRODUCE

# ARIZONA HARVEST SCHEDULE

## VEGETABLE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
PARSNIPS					•	•						
PEPPERS, GREEN BELL							•	•	•	•		
PEPPERS, RED BELL							•	•	•	•		
PEPPERS, GREEN CHILI						•	•	•	•	•		
PEPPERS, RED CHILI								•	•	•	•	
POTATOES, RED				•	•	•	•					
POTATOES, RUSSET				•	•	•	•					
PUMPKIN									•	•		
RADICCHIO	•	•	•									•
RADISHES	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•
RAPINI	•	•	•									•
SALAD SAVOY	•	•	•								•	•
SPINACH	•	•	•							•	•	•
SQUASH (SUMMER) CROOKNECK						•	•	•	•	•		
SQUASH (SUMMER) SCALLOPED						•	•	•	•	•		
SQUASH (SUMMER) STRAIGHTNECK						•	•	•	•	•		
SQUASH (SUMMER) ZUCCHINI						•	•	•	•	•		
SQUASH (WINTER) ACORN									•	•	•	
SQUASH (WINTER) BANANA									•	•	•	
SQUASH (WINTER) BUTTERNUT									•	•	•	
SQUASH (WINTER) GOLD ACORN									•	•	•	
SQUASH (WINTER) HUBBARD									•	•	•	
SQUASH (WINTER) KOBACHA									•	•	•	
SQUASH (WINTER) SPAGHETTI									•	•	•	
SQUASH (WINTER) TURBAN									•	•	•	
SWISS CHARD	•	•	•	•							•	•
TOMATOES	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
TURNIP	•	•	•	•							•	•

# AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

## FARM TO SCHOOL



The Farm to School program; a joint venture between the USDA and Department of Defense, “connects schools with local farms with the objectives of serving healthy meals in school cafeterias, improving student nutrition, providing health and nutrition education opportunities that will last a lifetime, and supporting local small farmers.”

These healthy educational programs are further emphasized with farm visits, recycling and gardening programs. This program also provides a new market for farmers because they can provide a service to a larger segment of their community.

Farm to School programming is helping children learn to make healthy choices to prevent obesity, and aid in lifelong health. The Arizona Department of Education and Community Food Bank in Tucson, in conjunction with the WK Kellogg Foundation, are working hard to increase the number of participating schools. Currently, 13 schools are partnering with local farmers to bring students fresh, farm grown fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs, and honey. The Litchfield Elementary School District is a Farm to School Program supporter with seven elementary schools and three middle schools participating. Flagstaff High School participates in a Farm to School snack program.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Farm to School: [www.farmtoschool.org](http://www.farmtoschool.org), or 602-493-5231

[www.foodconnect.org](http://www.foodconnect.org),

Litchfield Elementary School District: 623-935-6056

Community Food Bank at 520-622-0525.



# AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

## FILL YOUR PLATE



The Arizona Farm Bureau established the “Fill Your Plate” program in December 2007 to help form a relationship between growers and the general public. The program provides chefs and the public with an opportunity to find and purchase locally grown food products. On the site [www.azfb.org](http://www.azfb.org), simply click on the Fill Your Plate logo, seen above, to begin your search! Not only does this site offer a way to find Arizona’s fruits and vegetables, but also hay, alpaca and lambs wool, a variety of meats including ostrich, pig, beef, and lamb, bath products, coffee, cactus, teas, candy, shrimp, wine and even wheat germ.

Once you begin your search on the Fill Your Plate site, you will find a detailed listing of each farmers market or farm where you can purchase your produce of choice. Produce information, contact information, directions and even some special events are listed by the grower. Recipes and a message board can also be found on this site. Check the page out frequently, as this program currently has more than 60 farmers and continues to expand.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[www.fillyourplate.org](http://www.fillyourplate.org)



## ARIZONA HAS MANY WAYS TO GET YOUNGSTERS INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE. ARIZONA OFFERS CHAPTERS STATEWIDE FOR 4-H AND FFA.

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

4-H is an agricultural non-profit organization whose goal is to “provide educational opportunities for youth to become capable and contributing members of a global society.” To support this mission they provide formal and non-formal community focused experimental learning, foster leadership and volunteering in youth and adults, and help develop skills that will benefit youth in life, projects, personal development, leadership and citizenship.

### PROJECTS/OPPORTUNITIES

4-H has projects and activities ranging in subject from aeronautics, textiles, computer technologies, youth gardening, food preparation/nutrition, animal husbandry, photography, veterinary science, plant science, and many more! Arizona 4-H especially takes pride in their plant science programs, which operate in conjunction with the University of Arizona's Arboretum, the Boyce Thompson Arboretum, and elementary school classrooms all around the Phoenix-metro area. 4-H sponsors many activities that encourage members to interact with other chapters both state and nationwide. Some of the activities include:

- Arizona State Fair 4-H Horse Show at WestWorld in Scottsdale for members to show off their riding skills.
- National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia to allow members to meet with national sponsors.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please visit: [www.ag.arizona.edu/4-h/](http://www.ag.arizona.edu/4-h/)

or contact your county 4-H office at the number on pg. 27

# AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

## FOR KIDS AND TEENS

### COUNTY 4-H OFFICES

#### MOHAVE COUNTY

101 E. Beale St., Suite A  
Kingman, AZ 86401  
928-753-3788

#### COCONINO COUNTY

2304 N. 3rd St.  
Flagstaff, AZ 86004  
928-774-1868

#### YAVAPAI COUNTY

840 Rodeo Dr., Bldg C  
Prescott, AZ, 86305  
520-445-6590

#### LA PAZ COUNTY

2524 Mutahar  
Parker, AZ 85344  
928-669-9843

#### MARICOPA COUNTY

4341 E. Broadway Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ, 85040  
602-470-8086

#### YUMA COUNTY

2200 W. 28th St., Ste 102  
Yuma, AZ 85364  
928-726-3904

#### PIMA COUNTY

4210 N. Campbell  
Tucson, AZ 85719  
520-616-5161

#### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

3241 N. Grand Ave, Suite 6  
Nogales, AZ 85621  
928-281-2994

#### APACHE COUNTY

845 W. 4th North  
St. Johns, AZ 85936  
520-458-8278 ext. 2141

#### NAVAJO COUNTY

100 E. Carter Dr.  
Holbrook, AZ 86025  
928-524-6271 or 928-524-4023

#### GILA COUNTY

107 W. Frontier Suite B  
Payson, AZ 85541  
928-474-4160

#### GREENLEE COUNTY

1684 Fairgrounds Rd.  
Duncan, AZ 85534  
928-359-2661 or 928-359-2305

#### PINAL COUNTY

820 E. Cottonwood, Bldg. B  
Casa Grande, AZ 85222  
520-856-3221

#### GRAHAM COUNTY

2100 S. Bowie  
Soloman, AZ 85551  
928-428-2611

#### COCHISE COUNTY

1140 N. Colombo  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
520-458-8278 ext. 2141

## NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of its students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization is an integral, intra-curricular part of agricultural education. Initially organized in 1928 in Kansas City, Missouri, as Future Farmers of America, the official name of the organization was changed to the National FFA Organization to reflect the organization's evolution in response to expanded agricultural opportunities encompassing science, business and technology in addition to production farming.

FFA is focused on preparing its members with important life skills through career development events, which focus on various aspects of agriculture, from Livestock Evaluation to Floriculture to Agricultural Communications, as well as leadership skills, including Prepared Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure. Arizona Association FFA administers to the local chapters throughout the state.

### PROJECTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Being involved in FFA allows its members many opportunities. Some of these benefits include hands-on training, leadership opportunities on the local, state and national levels, success in Career Development Events and scholarships.

# AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

## FOR KIDS AND TEENS

### SOME OF THE EVENTS SPONSORED BY FFA INCLUDE:

- Greenhand Conference, held at various locations, for 8th and 9th grade members to develop beginning leadership skills.
- Spring Conference at the University of Arizona, for members to participate in one of fifteen Career Development Events, including Job Interview, Forestry, Wildlife Management and Aquaculture.
- State FFA Camp in Heber, Arizona, a week-long leadership development event. Through various small group leadership activities and leadership workshops, students gain a deeper sense of their leadership ability while enjoying time with new and old friends from across Arizona.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Please visit,  
[www.azffa.org](http://www.azffa.org), or call 602-542-5564





## YOUNG FARMER AND RANCHER PROGRAM

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Young Farmer and Rancher (YF&R) Program is a national program for people 18-35 years of age. The objective is to provide leadership opportunities to those who wish to join the Farm Bureau in expanding agriculture and its communities. Not only do they offer local programs in leadership, but also: legislative education, competitive events and networking.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[www.azfb.org/programs/youngfarmers](http://www.azfb.org/programs/youngfarmers)  
or email [yfr@azfb.org](mailto:yfr@azfb.org)



## PROJECTS/OPPORTUNITIES

The Young Farmer and Rancher Program is committed to giving their participants well-rounded knowledge of agriculture.

### ANNUAL YF&R ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Leadership Conference focusing on agricultural issues, leadership, tours, collegiate competition, and networking.
- National Conference at which members compete in agricultural contests in one of three categories:
  - Excellence in Leadership
  - Excellence in Agriculture
  - Achievement Award
- Competitions can award up to \$1,200 for first prize on the state level, plus a paid trip to the National American Farm Bureau Conference.
- 5K run for Junior Achievement held at the Tempe Town Lake. YF&R members not only run, but they also provide troughs full of water bottles, and over 500 apples, oranges and bananas for runners to snack on.
- Governor's office visit. The YF&R members have a chance to meet with a senator, tour the Governor's office and have lunch with the Director of the Arizona Department of Agriculture.



### UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

The University of Arizona is located in Tucson, Arizona, with a satellite campus in Sierra Vista. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences offers the following agriculture programs:

- Agriculture and Bio-systems Engineering: utilizing biotechnology, biological sciences and physical sciences to create innovative solutions in irrigation, agricultural products, waste management, and water conservation.
- Agricultural Education: focuses on the integration, application and disbursement of knowledge about agriculture and applied sciences.
- Agriculture and Resource Economics: teaches students to analyze agriculture and resources from an economic perspective.
- Animal Science: focuses on the use of animals in agriculture.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.cals.arizona.edu](http://www.cals.arizona.edu) or 520-621-7621

### ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE

Nine campuses offering services to Yuma and La Paz counties in the following programs:

- Agriculture: focuses on animal industries, plant science, business management.
- Agriculture Business: teaches business analysis, management, budgeting, and finance.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.azwestern.edu](http://www.azwestern.edu) or 928-317-6100

## ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Arizona State University's Morrison School of Management and Agribusiness is located at the Polytechnic campus in Mesa and offers the following agricultural programs

- Food Science: prepares students to turn agricultural commodities into food products; taking a look at business and science.
- Food Marketing: an effective production-to-consumer program focusing on consumer markets and business practices.
- Agribusiness: a generalized program for students to learn everything from marketing, business, finance, and today's latest technologies.
- International Agribusiness: students learn international economics, commodity finance and training, as well as domestic skills.
- Agribusiness Finance: students learn risk factors that affect the agricultural market including environmental, biological, international trade policy; and how to use the tools of corporate management to fight these risk factors.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.poly.asu.edu/msma/](http://www.poly.asu.edu/msma/) or 480-727-1585

## MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

With branches throughout Maricopa County, this college provides the following agricultural program at the Mesa campuses:

- Agribusiness: This two-year program emphasizes the technology of production and management. The program is designed to prepare individuals to become employed as owners, managers, supervisors, technicians, herdsman, or farm hands in farming ranching, and dairying. The program also prepares the individuals for jobs with government agencies or other agencies involved with the technical phases of the Animal Science Industry.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.maricopa.edu](http://www.maricopa.edu) or 480-731-8000

## EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE

Campuses located in Thatcher and Safford offer:

- Agribusiness: focuses on general studies, and natural resource conservation.
- Agriculture: covers general studies but also technical writing and economics.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.eac.edu](http://www.eac.edu) or 928-428-8257

## YAVAPAI COLLEGE

With campuses in Prescott, Verde and Chino Valleys, and Sedona, this college offers a range of agricultural studies:

- Agriculture Education: prepares students to become a high school agriculture teacher with a focus on technology.
- Agriculture Technology management: offers a variety of specific topics including horticulture, equine science, sports and turf grass, aquaculture and horticulture.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www2.yc.edu/](http://www2.yc.edu/) or 928-717-7727



## CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE

Central Arizona College services Pima County, offering a number of different levels of education, including 3 certificate programs and 2 Associate/transfer degrees. All programs are taught in a hands-on manner that prepares students for work in dairies, farms, business, real estate, biotechnology, etc:

- Agriculture: transfer degree to 4 year colleges.
- Agriculture General: Associates degree in Applied Sciences to prepare students for further education or working.
- Agriculture Business: certificate to prepare students for the workforce.
- Agriculture General: certificate for the workforce.
- Farm Business Management: certificate for the workforce.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.centralaz.edu](http://www.centralaz.edu) or 520-494-5311

## NORTHLAND PIONEER COLLEGE

Located in Apache county, with campuses in Show Low, Winslow, Holbrook and Snowflake, Northland Pioneer College offers certificates and degrees in:

- Agriculture-General: Associates degree. Classes include animal husbandry, diseases, forestry, landscape design and range management.
- Turf Grass Management: Associates Degree. Classes: soils, irrigation, wastewater treatment, horticulture.
- Agriculture-General: Certificate of applied science. Classes: soils, irrigation, wastewater treatment, horticulture.
- Range Management: Certificate of proficiency. Courses include ecology, range plants, and range management.
- Horticulture: Certificate of proficiency. Courses include soils, basic horticulture, and landscape construction. Program focus for a landscape or nursery aide.
- Animal Science: Certificate of proficiency. Courses include animal disease, industry, husbandry, breeding, and livestock judging.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.npc.edu](http://www.npc.edu)



### EDUCATION

Elementary schools, middle and high schools, and universities in Arizona all have agricultural education in one form or another. There are even specialists that travel from school to school to teach students of all ages about agriculture. In the state of Arizona, agri-science teachers are in high demand, and the position is very portable; meaning it can be put to use in every other state. To pursue an education and career in agriculture, contact a university or community college in your area.

### IN THE FIELD

A few career opportunities in agriculture for those who love the outdoors, and want a hands-on ag career include: crop manager, farm manager, crop assistant, herdsman/breeding manager, pesticide technician, feedlot assistant, farm mechanic, food safety inspector, fertilizer/chemical applicator, soil scientist, air quality specialist, horticulturist, agriculture inspector, and livestock inspector.

## AGRIBUSINESS

For those who want a more “tame” agriculture career, agribusiness is the perfect fit. Most of these opportunities include some type of sales and management. Grain manager, seed sale manager, certified appraiser, seed specialist, agronomist, GPS supervisor, animal nutritionist, animal health sales (dairy), ethanol plant manager, chemical engineer, grain merchandiser, and farm accounting/finance are all agribusiness careers.

While a few of these positions do not require higher education, some of these careers require a Bachelors degree. At various Arizona community colleges and universities, students learn the skills they need to pursue a career in agribusiness.

## BIOTECHNOLOGY

If you like being inside, but don’t want to sit behind a desk, biotechnology might be the job for you. Careers in biotechnology are mostly science based and are hands-on. A Bachelors Degree earned at the University of Arizona’s College of Agriculture and BioSystems Engineering or Arizona State University’s Ira Fulton School of Engineering (Bioengineering Department) can prepare students for any of these careers: agricultural science research technician, veterinary technician, microbiologist, veterinarian, genetic engineer, and bio-pesticide engineer.

## THE ARIZONA CROP PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The Arizona Crop Protection Association works to strengthen the crop protection industry by educating legislators and the public on the crop protection industry. They also hold events and present their members with continued education opportunities.

This scholarship is for full-time high school seniors or those currently pursuing a bachelors degree full-time at an Arizona University or College in agriculture, biological science, pest management, range management, golf course management, natural resource management, animal husbandry, or nutrition. Arizona students are preferred, but out-of-state students may also apply for this scholarship. The amount of funding awarded depends on funds available and number of applicants.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.azcropprotection.com/scholarship.html](http://www.azcropprotection.com/scholarship.html)

## THE YUMA COUNTY AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS SCHOLARSHIP

\$500-2000 per academic year in funding. This scholarship is for full-time high school or beginning college students that are in a declared agriculture or agriculture related major. Science majors may also apply if there is an agricultural aspect of their program or career goals. For students to qualify, they must have at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA.) This scholarship is issued based on merit, financial need or both.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.ag.arizona.edu/OAP/scholarships/YCAPS.doc](http://www.ag.arizona.edu/OAP/scholarships/YCAPS.doc)



### CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PEST CONTROL ADVISORS

California Association of Pest Control Advisors is a non-profit organization that was started in 1974 and is focused on upgrading “the qualifications of its members, and to provide technical information, encourage careful and skillful use of pest management practices.” CAPCA consists of 16 chapters located from Oregon to New Mexico.

The CAPCA Scholarship is \$3,000 of funding for students who are entering or returning to agriculture or horticulture college programs, and that would eventually like to have a career in pest management. Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA to qualify for funding.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [http://www.capca.com/general\\_information/](http://www.capca.com/general_information/)

### THE ARIZONA FARM BUREAU

The Arizona Farm Bureau offers annual scholarships through the County Farm Bureau offices to high school seniors and college students who are members, or whose parents are members, of the Farm Bureau. Applicants must have a 2.5 grade point average, but do not necessarily have to be agriculture majors. The individual county sets the major requirements for each scholarship.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

<http://www.azfb.org/whatis/index.cfm?fuseaction=county>

### THE ARIZONA NURSERY ASSOCIATION

The Arizona Nursery Association offers scholarships to Arizona residents who are employed in or have an interest in the nursery industry. Applicants must have above average academics or have at least 2 years of work experience to be considered for funding. The deadline to apply is April 15 of every year, and the scholarship funds range from \$500-3000 each.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** <http://www.azna.org/scholarships.htm>

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